

ITEMS RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST³⁴

The situation in the Middle East

Decision

At its 2843rd meeting, on 30 January 1989, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (S/20416 and Add.1 and 2)".³⁵

Resolution 630 (1989)

of 30 January 1989

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 501 (1982) of 25 February 1982, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982 and 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982, as well as all its resolutions on the situation in Lebanon,

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon of 24 and 27 January 1989,³⁶ and taking note of the observations expressed therein,

Taking note of the letter dated 19 January 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,³⁷

Responding to the request of the Government of Lebanon,

1. *Decides* to extend the present mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for a further interim period of six months, that is, until 31 July 1989;

2. *Reiterates* its strong support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the terms of reference and general guidelines of the Force as stated in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 March 1978,³⁸ approved by resolution 426 (1978), and calls upon all parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Force for the full implementation of its mandate;

4. *Reiterates* that the Force should fully implement its mandate as defined in resolutions 425 (1978), 426 (1978) and all other relevant resolutions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations with the Government of Lebanon and other parties directly concerned with the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the Security Council thereon.

Adopted unanimously at the 2843rd meeting.

³⁴ Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988.

³⁵ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1989*.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, documents S/20416 and Add.1 and 2.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, document S/20410.

³⁸ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978*, document S-12611.

Decisions

At its 2851st meeting, on 31 March 1989, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East".

At the same meeting, the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:³⁹

"The members of the Security Council express their grave concern at the recent deterioration of the situation in Lebanon, which has left many victims among the civilian population and caused considerable material damage.

"In view of the threat that this situation poses to peace, security and stability in the region, they express encouragement and support for all ongoing efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Lebanese crisis, notably those made by the Ministerial Committee of the League of Arab States led by Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait.

"They urge all the parties to put an immediate end to the confrontations, to respond favourably to the appeals launched for an effective cease-fire and to avoid any action that might further heighten the tension.

"They reaffirm their support for the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon.

"The members of the Security Council also stress the importance of the role of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and reaffirm their resolve to continue to keep the evolution of the situation in Lebanon under close review."

At the 2858th meeting, on 24 April 1989, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:⁴⁰

"The members of the Security Council, gravely concerned by the sufferings caused to the civilian population by the worsening situation in Lebanon, reaffirm their statement of 31 March 1989³⁹ in which, in particular, they urged all parties to respond favourably to the appeals for an effective cease-fire.

"They reiterate their full support for the action of the Ministerial Committee of the League of Arab States led by Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, in order to put an end to the loss of human lives, to alleviate the sufferings of the Lebanese people and to achieve an effective cease-fire indispensable for a settlement of the Lebanese crisis.

³⁹ S/20554.

⁴⁰ S/20602.